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OF THE
KOSCIUSKO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
COUNTY LINE
BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER, 15, 16, 17, 1915.

OFFICERS.
W. A. ROPER
MODERATOR
L. W. MCCOOL
CLERK AND TREASURER
KOSCIUSKO, MISSISSIPPI.

NEXT MEETING
Kosciusko Baptist Church on Wednesday and
Thursday after the first Sunday in
October, 1916.
Preacher - - - **L. A. Roebuck**

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The Kosciusko Baptist Association met in its fifty-fifth annual session with County Line Baptist Church, Leake County, Miss., on Friday October 15th, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed H. J. Tindoll, H. G. Hughes, and J. E. Poole a committee on enrollment.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. P. Harrington.

The Association now proceeded to the election of officers.

On motion, J. B. Perry was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for W. A. Roper, Moderator, and L. W. McCool, Clerk and Treasurer.

Correspondence.

Corresponding Messengers were called for and received as follows:

Enlistment Work—J. P. Harrington and W. R. Cooper.

Baptist Record—R. A. Eddleman.

Harmony Association—B. F. Odom.

Sunflower Association—J. A. Ousley.

New Liberty Association—M. L. Stroud.

Returned Correspondence.

Chester Association—J. B. Perry, M. U. Rhodes, W. J. McPhail.

Baptist State Convention—W. A. Roper, L. A. Roebuck, W. J. McPhail, J. B. Perry.

The Moderator appointed M. U. Rhodes, J. D. Fletcher and D. D. McCool a committee on Finance.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

Friday 1:30 P. M. Devotional Exercises
1:45 Publications.
2:30 Layman's Movement
3:15 Ministerial Relief.
3:45 Adjourn.
Saturday 9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises.
9:45 Woman's Work.
10:15 State, Home and Foreign Missions.
12:00 Adjourn.
1:30 P. M. Devotional Exercises and Miscellaneous business
2:00 Ministerial Education, Consecration and Support.
2:30 Orphanage.
3:00 Prohibition.

3:30 Nominations.
 3:45 Adjourn.
 Sunday 9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises.
 9:45 Finance Committee and Treasurer.
 10:00 Sunday Schools.
 11:00 Sermon.

On motion, W. J. McPhail was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Clarence Fletcher, alternate

The following amounts were pledged by the various churches to defray the expenses of delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: Berea, \$5.00; Bowling, \$2.00; County Line, \$2.00; Center, \$1.00; Carson's Ridge, \$2.00; Doty Springs, \$1.00; Ebenezer, \$1.00; Ethel, \$1.00; Friendship, \$1.00; Hurricane, \$1.00; Jerusalem, \$1.50; Kosciusko 1st, \$7.50; Kosciusko 2nd, \$2.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; McCool, \$5.00; Macedonia, \$2.50; New Salem, \$2.50; New Hope, \$1.00; (Paid) Providence, \$2.00; Pine Bluff, \$1.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$1.00; Poplar Springs, \$1.00; Samaria, \$2.00; Spring Dale, \$2.00; Stump Bridge, \$1.00; Sand Hill, \$1.00; Yockanookany, \$2.00; Zilpha, 50c; Hebron, \$1.00; Unity, \$2.00.

The Association now suspended business to hear the Introductory sermon by J. B. Perry. Text: 2nd. Tim. 4: 7.

Prayer led by W. R. Cooper. Adjourned to 1:30 P.M. Benediction by R. A. Eddleman.

Saturday Evening Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, after singing "What a Friend we have in Jesus," prayer led by B. F. Odom.

The Moderator appointed W. M. Peeler, S. A. Middlebrook, M. E. Brunsell, L. R. Higgins, Andrew Lucas, J. L. Gober, a committee on Nominations.

Publications.

The report on Publications was read by W. J. McPhail, spoken to by W. J. McPhail, and R. A. Eddleman, and adopted, as follows:

Baptists should appreciate the Bible more than any other people because the early Baptists paid for the Bible's preservation with their own blood and lives, something no other denomination had any part in.

And still another greater reason we should appreciate the Bible above all other reading matter is, it is God's revealed will and instruction to man. Therefore, we should read and study to know God's word above all else.

The Baptists of Mississippi ought to read The Baptist Record, so we might be in harmonious touch with every phase of our denominational work.

I know there is much complaint about the price being too high. I wish it was so that all of our people could take the paper, for until we can get our people to read we can never have them properly informed to do their best.

The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and the Orphan's Gem, are all worthy of our support, and we must read to know and appreciate our denominational work along these lines.

I most respectfully ask this Association to declare its disapproval of the Commercial Appeal in its constant publishing of Russell's very dangerous doctrine, and ask that every right thinking baptist discontinue his subscription to the paper until it will cut out the publishing of Russell's sermons.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McPHAIL.

Christian Hospitals.

The report on Christian Hospitals was read by M. L. Dew, spoken to by M. L. Dew, J. A. Ousley, and, on motion, adopted as follows:

Report on Baptist Memorial Hospital and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Christ's highest proof of his Messiahship to John when John was in prison and sent his disciples and asked: "Art Thou He that should come, or do they look for another?" was expressed in His answer to John's question in these words: "The Blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the Lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them". And our proof that we are followers of this Christ is our understanding of the obligations that we owe to our fellow man as a physical being and our willingness to help the unfortunate brethren and express this help in Orphanages, Hospitals, and other eleemosynary institutions whereby we catch the spirit and get a clear vision of the master's words: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me." Christian love that does not meet and reach the sick and unfortunate suffering man in the performance of a plain duty as expressed in the whole system of christian religion, needs awak-

ing up to a realization of our shame in waiting so long to provide Baptist hospitals, while the Catholics have been awake from the first. But we are waking up as is shown by the work now being done by the Baptists of Mississippi in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Jackson, Mississippi.

The last report rendered by the Baptist Memorial Hospital shows that for the third year's work, which closed July 31st, 1915 2728 patients were treated, and of this number 813 were from Mississippi, 1276 from Tennessee, 212 from Arkansas and 407 from other states. In the charity work there 366 patients were treated, and 106 of whom were from Mississippi. The Hospital is in debt, and is now operating 120 beds but is able to decrease the indebtedness as shown by the last report. The Hospital is now planning to build and equip another wing to their building with 150 additional beds. Having decided that the present hospital is entirely too small in building and equipment, the Shelby County (Tennessee) Baptist Association has pledged fifty thousand dollars towards the erecting and equipment to the hospital and they are now asking the states of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas to raise fifty thousand dollars to be put in the erection of this new wing. These institutions need friends who will inform themselves and others about the work of these institutions, and friends who will contribute, work and pray for their success, and thus verify the expression from James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The work of these hospitals in relieving the suffering man cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. These Hospitals are in debt and need help to carry on this work and this report urges that our people respond liberally to the needs of this good and glorious work and thus carry to fruition the true spirit of the great physician. The work of helping unfortunate and suffering man is on a par with the preaching of the gospel and with christian education and should receive our prayerful consideration. The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson is treating a large number of patients and is improving in equipment and efficiency and should have the liberal help of all Mississippi Baptists.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. DEW.

On motion, J. P. Harrington was allowed 25 minutes in which to present Enlistment Work.

Ministerial Relief.

The report on Ministerial Relief by Louis Gowen, was read by J. B. Perry, discussed by C. S. Johnson, J. A. Ousley and A. F. Temple, and adopted as follows:

Our people seem to not realize the importance of Ministerial Relief. We forget that we too are growing old; and it is therefore difficult to appeal to you to assist a cause that is so far from your experience.

Though we are aware that the majority of our people do not appreciate the importance of this subject and though in fact, many of our churches do not consider that there is an obligation on us to support the aged ministers, I am going to appeal to the churches of this association to awake to a realization of their duty in this matter and, at least contribute something to the support of these aged brethren, who have done the pioneer work of our church for us. They have fought the good fight; they have braved the tempest; they have established the church, and we should support their needs during their declining years.

No man ever had a higher calling than these old Pillars of the church. They are God's noblemen, whom he has chosen as mouthpieces to speak a message of undying love to a lost world. It was through the "foolishness of preaching" that Christ chose to instill that spiritual influence that has since been the most potent power behind all movements making for world redemption known to man. It is from the pulpit that the most sublime themes of morality and righteousness have been upheld, and here also national wickedness and corruption have been sufficiently censured to purify the ideals of our government. And here it is that the death knell to the institutions of this old world has been sounded; and from it has it been declared that the decaying and imperfect institutions of this world shall be replaced by a new Heaven and a new earth, in which Christ shall reign as the King of Righteousness for ever and ever.

With such commission entrusted to him, who can doubt the influence of our ministers on our national life for man's good and for God's glory? Of all of the agencies that have conspired in the past to make this country great and good, nothing has been more powerful than the Baptist pulpit. These aged ministers spent their early manhood in making it such. After having given their very life's blood to the church and the country, surely we should care for them during their declining years. God has placed them here with us, allowed them to sacrifice themselves for his cause, and he expects us to care for them. Did he not impress such duties upon the church when he said, "as

oft as ye do it unto one of these my brethren ye do it unto me"? Jesus has commanded us to care for the needy ones in the kingdom. Can we afford to omit it? Can we afford to neglect to do our duty towards the men of God who have toiled, struggled with life's burden, and suffered for the cause of humanity?

At present, we are assisting twenty ministers and ministers' wives. There are nine old ministers and eleven ministers' widows. Last year the amount raised for this fund was less than Two Thousand Dollars, which enabled us to pay each about an average of seven dollars per month. Brethren, they are old. They have given themselves to the church. In caring for these old brethren, we are ministering unto the suffering Christ in the person of his suffering children. If you could read their pitiful letters for help, or their letters of thanks for the pittance given your hearts would open and our churches would rally to this cause. In conclusion, let us insist that the churches take a collection for this cause, and let the Baptist of Mississippi look after the needs of these old men and women of God.

LOUIS GOWEN.

A collection was now taken for Ministerial Relief and received \$17.66.

The Association now adjourned until 9:30 A. M., Saturday.
Benediction by W. H. Beauchamp.

Saturday Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator after prayer led by C. C. Oliver and W. W. Wood.

Woman's Work.

The report on Woman's Work was read by C. S. Johnson, spoken to by C. S. Johnson, W. A. Roper, and, on motion, adopted as follows:

As I have been assigned the task to write a report on Woman's Work, allow me to submit the following:

I do not feel that I am able to do justice to the subject.

Will say that the Woman's Missionary Society is doing a great work for our Master. It has only been organized for about 25 or 30 years and we can't tell how much good it has done. Eternity only knows. It is steady advance in their gifts for saving the lost.

We see that this department of work is not a failure, but long since proved to be a success. In the beginning God created man a helpmeet, which means in christian work as well as the common.

domestic work of life.

Brethren we should encourage our sisters and give them their part of our income, then they can enlarge the work for the Master. I feel that I can't speak too highly of the wonderful achievement and splendid progress our women have had in their work. I think we men ought to learn a lesson from them; they are leading us in their devotion to the divine call to the Master's work.

Sister Roper will show some facts and figures of the work which I will not report of the Association. I do not know what our churches would do were it not for our women.

There should be a Woman's Missionary Society in every Baptist church. This Society is not only auxiliary to the church work in the finance, but it develops the talents of our sisterhood; so we urge that each pastor who has churches that does not have Woman's Missionary Societies, that he will make an effort to organize at once.

These societies are helping save the hundreds of thousands of lost souls and teaching the value of united effort. It gives us a new interest in life, brings us into loving relations with the women of our churches, teaches us to pray together, brings us nearer to Christ and gives us a message for our children and those that we come in touch with.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. JOHNSON.

Contributions from the Woman's Missionary Society are as follows—Foreign Missions, \$74.05; Home Missions, \$45.20; State Missions, \$23.10; Orphanage, \$147.66; Hospitals, \$63.00; Training School, \$5.00; Ministerial Relief, \$6.25; Ministerial Education, \$19.00; Mississippi College \$10.00; Home Uses, 181.52; Grand Total, \$575.88.

MRS. W. A. ROPER

Asso. Superintendent.

Missions.

The reports on State Missions was read by T. W. Wilkerson; Home Missions, W. W. Wood; Foreign Missions, L. A. Roebuck.

The reports were spoken to by T. W. Wilkerson, W. W. Wood, W. R. Cooper, J. G. Carnes, W. A. Roper, D. L. Brown, C. C. Oliver, and, adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren:

We are informed that Mississippi has about 1,800,000 people and that of this number only about 400,000 profess christianity, and only 160,000 of this number are Baptist.

Now, we urge that Baptist should consecrate more of their time and means to the service of the Master, and especially should we increase our contributions to State Missions.

Work for the State planned on the following basis:

Pastoral Support.....	\$22,000
Enlistment.....	\$6,000
Church Building.....	\$7,200
Sunday School Work, etc.....	\$3,500
Woman's Work.....	\$1,800
Co-operative.....	\$2,500
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Assistance given to 245 churches and as many others in need.
180 Organizations have no houses of worship.

We should first build a strong and efficient foundation in our State and then we will be prepared to help those abroad.

"As my Father has sent me even so send I you."

In Christ's name.

T. W. Wilkerson.

Home Missions.

Report on Home Mission.

The Lord has graciously blessed us during the associational year now closing, and we come together to lay our offering of love and substance at his feet, and try to get a greater vision to stimulate us for the coming year.

Our Lord says in acts 1-8 "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." We acknowledge that we fail in our duty on the question of giving to missions. Yet we acknowledge the Goodness of God and rejoice that our Nation is at peace and the glad news is coming from every nook and corner of our fair South-land, that God is greatly blessing his servants and honoring His Truth.

The motive of all missionary endeavor is three fold.

In the first place, we are summoned by God in Christ to join with Him in doing the work of saving grace toward men, who are nearest his heart and we must not refuse.

In the second place, Loyalty to God and Christ constrain us. We have received in Christ the best good in life, and are impelled from within to impart it to others. Love to men who are lost constrains us, if we love the souls of men we cannot refuse to hear their cry.

In the third place; The world needs the Gospel and needs it now; and this tremendous need should constrain us. The world is looking to America for the Gospel, and surely God is expecting much of Southern Baptist; where much is given much shall be required.

Our Southern Baptist Convention Territory extends from Maryland to New Mexico, and from Missouri to Florida, with Southern Ill. Cuba and the Canal Zone. With 24,000 churches, and over two and a half millions of members. Under God we ought to take this South land for Christ, and send out a ray of light and streams of blessings to all the earth.

We recommend that our people read more generally the Home Field; it may be had for 25c in clubs of five or more, or 35c for one subscription. We know of no paper or periodical that will give us better information concerning our mission work in the home land. We also recommend that our preachers preach on Home Mission work and place occasionally. Again may we read and distribute countless tracts gotten out by the Home Board that may be had for the asking.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WOOD

Foreign Missions.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and inquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and

8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country 5,190 Baptist were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic monthly or quarterly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the association appoint a Committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world wide work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ROEBUCK.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Benediction by L. A. Roebuck.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator after prayer led by W. B. Summerhill.

The committee on Enrollment reported as follows:

Berea—M. U. Rhodes, A. L. Veazey, B. W. Veazey.
Bowlin—A. L. Keith, E. I. Keith, A. C. Keith.

- Bethany—W. C. Chesteen.
 County Line—Jim Jones, George Mills, Geo. Jenkins, Mrs. Bannie Jennings.
 Center—W. M. Peeler, Wiley Clifton, C. A. Clifton.
 Carson's Ridge—C. C. Oliver, D. S. Nowell, S. A. Middlebrook.
 Doty Springs—I. M. Cummins, W. M. Cummins.
 Ebenezer—W. W. Hollingsworth, D. C. Bailey, C. H. Bailey, Willie Garner.
 Ethel—Milton Braswell, C. S. Johnson.
 Friendship—J. D. Fletcher, E. S. Williams.
 Hebron—H. J. Tindoll, T. H. Palmertree, Rev. J. D. Burns.
 Harmony—
 Hurricane—Jesse McCrory, Robt. McCrory.
 Jerusalem—J. H. Jamison, H. L. Pettit.
 Kosciusko 1st—D. L. Brown, M. L. Dew, W. R. McCool, W. A. Roper, L. W. McCool, J. L. Gobel, Lester Brown, S. H. Atkinson.
 Kosciusko 2nd.—T. S. Mangrum, L. R. Higgins.
 Long Creek—J. B. Perry.
 McCool—J. P. Johnson.
 Macedonia—H. G. Hughes, W. J. McPhail.
 New Harmony—A. L. Curtis, W. Warren.
 New Salem—W. B. Summerhill, R. J. Thornton, Robt. Hodges.
 New Hope—J. M. Woodall, G. C. McCool.
 Providence—L. A. Roebuck, Herman Roebuck, Floyd Doss, Irby Reynolds, D. D. McCool.
 Pine Bluff—John McClure, J. K. Furgerson, M. C. Furgerson.
 Pleasant Ridge—J. E. Poole, A. F. Temple, C. H. Temple.
 Pilgrim's Rest—F. W. Nabors, Charlie Beach.
 Poplar Springs—E. S. Chesteen, L. R. Oliver, Mrs. S. E. Chesteen.
 Samaria—J. R. Ellington.
 Spring Dale—W. W. Wood, W. D. Wood, George Hester, Cliff Hester.
 Stump Bridge—Andrew Lucas, Miss Hattie Culpepper.
 Sand Hill—W. P. Rigby, Mrs. W. P. Rigby.
 Unity—R. F. Campbell
 Yockanookany—W. B. Allen, E. W. McMillan, Frank Sanders, W. H. Beauchamp, T. W. Wilkerson.
 Edgefield—
 Mt. Herman—

On motion, Bethsaida Church was granted a letter of dismission from this Association.

Ministerial Education, Consecration and Support.

The report on Ministerial Education, Consecration and Support was read by W. M. Peeler, discussed by W. M. Peeler, W. R. Cooper, and adopted as follows:

This subject should read Ministerial Consecration, Education and Support. The first thing is the call of God to preach the Gospel and then the next thing is to consecrate one's self to the study of the word of God and give his time and talent to the upbuilding of God's cause and Kingdom here on earth.

And then education is highly essential and a great help to a preacher, and the churches are demanding more and more an educated ministry. We have institutions well equipped for that purpose, and where it is possible the man that is called to preach the gospel should avail himself of the benefits of those institutions.

Study at home if it is impossible to go to college.

The Deacons should carry around a subscription list and get every member of the church to subscribe something to pay the preacher. Where a preacher consecrates himself to the work and gives his time and talent to the upbuilding of God's cause and Kingdom here on earth the deacons will have little trouble in making up his salary.

There is a great deal of Scripture that enjoins us to pay the preacher and if we neglect this important duty we may expect to suffer loss thereby.

If you look around real close you will see the ones that pay the most are blessed in such a way as to be able to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PEELER

Orphanage.

The report on Orphanage by J. D. Burns was read by the Clerk, discussed by C. S. Johnson, M. L. Stroud, D. L. Brown and A. Fletcher, and, on motion, adopted as follows:

To the Kosciusko Baptist Association.

The Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., was established 18 years ago. Since then about 700 children have received the benefit of the orphanage. 230 are now in the home dependent upon about 165,000 Baptist that ought to be giving to such as the Kingdom or Heaven. Jesus taught His disciples to pray For Daily Bread, Luke, 11-3; James 1-27, visit orphans. How shall we without means Jer. 6-3. They shall feed every one in his place.

It is right to feed and clothe the orphans teach them literature and spiritual things that they be acquainted with all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BURNS.

Prohibition.

The report on Prohibition was read by W. W. Hollingsworth, spoken to by C. S. Johnson, M. L. Stroud, and adopted as follows:

Temperance Report.

Since the founding of the Anti-Saloon League in 1893 by Howard H. Russell, the fight against the liquor traffic in the United States has gone forward until at present 2,298,020 square miles out of a total of 2,973,890 square miles of our territory are under no license or prohibition laws. State wide prohibition laws have already been passed in 19 states with election to be held in three others, and only one backward move in this immense progress. Yet of the 91,972,266 people in the United States, only 46,633,622 are living under Prohibition Laws. Thus we see that the greatest progress in the work has been in the districts that have a large proportion of rural population and the problem now before us is to control the traffic in the congested urban districts of the country. This very likely will have to be done by Federal Legislation and it therefore becomes vitally important to know the men we select to make these laws. This question is larger than political alignments, creeds or parties.

Some of the greatest nations of Europe, under the burden of the great war, have been brought face to face with the evils of alcohol and have enacted the most drastic measures to stop it.

Leading officials of the tippling nations, France and England, have pledged themselves to total abstinence.

Great railroad companies are now using only sober men and reducing accidents and loss of lives in a large proportion.

In our own country every three days a Brewery or Distillery goes out of business and a Saloon closes every half hour.

In our own state the Anti-Saloon League is making heroic efforts to stop the illegal sale of liquor and in the twelve months ending Oct. 31st 1914, secured conviction in 374 cases.

And the League should have the support and co-operative assistance of every one interested in the success of this work.

It is not necessary to discuss the evils of alcohol or the humanitarian spirit that prompts our people in their efforts to abolish this curse. The following statement from a Russian official is

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enough: "Russia with the war and without Vodka is more prosperous than Russia without the war and with Vodka."

With all this progress in the work of eradicating this evil, there yet remains some of the greatest strongholds of the liquor interests in our own nation and it is necessary that we keep up the fight and lend our effort and influence under God to the extermination of this world wide curse.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HOLLINGSWORTH

Nominations

The report on nominations was read by W. M. Peeler, spoken to by W. M. Peeler, D. L. Brown, J. B. Perry, C. S. Johnson, amended, and adopted as follows;

We find that the following Churches have asked for the next meeting of this Association: Providence and Kosciusko.

We recommend Kosciusko. We recommend L. A. Roebuck to preach the introductory sermon of the next Association. W. J. McPhail, alternate.

We recommend the following Vice Presidents:

Foreign Missions—W. A. Roper.

Home Missions—J. B. Perry

State Missions—L. A. Roebuck.

Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. W. A. Roper.

We recommend that this Association meet on Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916.

The pastor and Deacons of County Line Church were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises, and reported that W. A. Roper preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourn until 9:30 A. M. Sunday.

Benediction by W. R. Cooper.

Sunday.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and prayer led by F. A. Johnson.

Finance.

The report of the Finance committee was read by M. U. Rhodes, and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received for the various objects as follows:

For Printing Minutes	\$54 25
For State Missions	\$14 85
For Home Missions	\$1 60
For Foreign Missions	\$6 17
For Orphanage	\$5 10
For Ministerial Relief	\$3 15
Total	<u>\$85.12</u>

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted, as follows:

W. McCool in account with the Kosciusko Baptist Association.

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By amount received for State Missions	\$5.90
Home Missions	\$1.06
Foreign Missions	\$4.25
Orphanage	\$14.45
Printing Minutes	\$61 45
Total	<u>\$87.11</u>

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By amount paid to State Missions	\$5.90
Home Missions	1.06
Foreign Missions	4.25
Orphanage	14.45
Printing Minutes	45.00
Clerk's Fee	15.00
Postage	1.45
Total	<u>\$87 11</u>

It appearing to the Association that the amount sent in by the various churches for the printing and distribution of the Minutes was not sufficient, a collection was taken for this purpose and received \$8.90.

Sunday Schools.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. P. Johnson, spoken to by J. P. Johnson, B. W. Veazev, M. L. Dew, and, on motion, adopted as follows:

Sunday Schools.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—What is a school? First it is a place where instruction is given; Second, it is a collection of pupils; and

Third, we might say a collective body of opinions. Now the difference in the Every-Day-School and that of the Sunday School is that, in the High schools and colleges we are taught and instructed in the various sciences to develop the intellectuality of the individual, that he or she may become efficient in these arts thereby enabling to cope with the great problems of life as they come. This is great and noble, and its value can hardly be estimated as far as it goes. Now then, the Sunday School goes further; The instructions received through the study of God's word reaches down in to the very recesses of the human heart and develops the God-Man. Listen to the Word of God, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart". What is greater than the Sunday School work wherein this word can be taught?

With statistical reports and information obtainable, I find we have approximately twenty (20) schools, and some of these last only for six months in the year. There are various excuses offered as to why there are no more schools, and why it is impossible to run some of them only 6 months during the year. "And they all began to make excuses". Weigh your excuses and see if they can be borne out. Surely there is a cause for this, and we ought to find it.

I think I can mention one thing that will go a long ways towards solving the short lived and small attended schools, and that is they need well rounded, active Godly men and women, men who love God and strive to do His will; those He will call when He comes to make up His Jewels.

Second; We might mention that promptness, punctuality, on the part of Superintendent is another great factor in maintaining and keeping up the schools, and no less degree on the part of teachers.

It was said of a certain business man, who has just died, that he was never late in keeping an appointment; Mark Twain remarked "that he must have lost a lot of time waiting for the other fellow."

Punctuality is one of the greatest essentials in the of make-up the Sunday School's, officers and teachers; in fact, it is an important element of success in every sphere of life.

Why the need of Sunday Schools? Because in them the word of God is taught and studied, which is the greatest factor in all the world in the development of character of the child; it is food for the spiritual development of the individual; the only food

known to man that can alleviate the longing of an eternal soul; it deals with eternity, that which we all will have to meet. The word applied by God's holy spirit sets you free. John 8 31-32. Then said Jesus to those Jews, which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free."

The Bible is God's voice to men, God's revelation to the world. The Bible concerns every body. It is God's message to every man, woman and child on the face of the earth to whom it goes. It is the revelation of God's divine love, not to the world simply, but to every individual soul.

God says teach my word; gather the people; men, women and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may learn and fear the Lord your God and do his word. May God give us men and women who will teach this word in every church of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Johnson

Layman's Movement.

Until recent years we have been careless or ignorant as to the help a pastor needs to evangelize the world. Most all of the leadership falls on our pastors, but we thank God for the day when a small band of Christians conceived the idea of Layman's Movement.

From this day, November 13th, 1906, definite steps were taken to launch the movement. At our State Convention held at Hazlehurst, Miss., in Nov. 1907 it was heartily endorsed by the Baptists of Mississippi, and definite steps were taken to organize the laymen of our denomination throughout the State.

This work has steadily grown since then, and now it has the endorsement of every State Convention held by the Baptists of the State of Mississippi.

The interest in the work is greater at this time than it has ever been before. It is now widespread and increasing. Our contributions for Missions have increased possibly 100 per cent in the last six years, and much credit for such an increase is due to this Layman's Movement.

The Laymen realize, however, that they can not achieve satisfactory results without intelligent organization. There is great need of this movement throughout all of the Associations.

If the men are once thoroughly aroused and made to see the opportunities for their service and their responsibilities as individuals are brought home to them, then the results desired by us all

will be brought about.

To effect this we must have a leader. If the laymen get properly enlisted or organized there is scarcely a limit to what Baptist can do. We think the time has arrived when the laymen of this Association should be enlisted for service.

Therefore, your committee recommends:

1st. That the pastors of the several churches direct the laymen to wholesome reading, for we must read for information, inspiration and consecration.

2nd. That pastors insist on organizing Laymen's Movement in their churches and especially where they are grouped.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Williams.

Resolutions.

The following Resolutions offered by M. L. Dew were adopted:

Resolved 1st. That L. W. McCool the clerk of this Association be authorized to have the Minutes of this Association printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for preparing such minutes.

Second: The thanks of this Association be tendered to the people of County Line Church and the surrounding community for their hospitality and kindness in taking care of the delegates.

Third: That we thank our Moderator for his efficient and consecrated manner in which he conducted the meetings of the Association.

Fourth: That we thank L. W. McCool for his efficient and capable work as Clerk of this Association.

Fifth: That we thank our visiting brethren for their presence, help and assistance in this Association.

The hour of 11 A. M. having arrived, the Association now heard a sermon by Rev. W. A. Roper, Text: 1st Tim. 1: 15

A collection was now taken for the Orphanage, received \$18.77.

On motion, the Association now adjourned to meet with the Kosciusko Baptist Church on Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M.

W. A. Roper, Moderator.

L. W. McCool, Clerk and Treasurer.

Standing Committee for 1916.

State Missions,	_____	P. E. Shuttleworth
Home Missions,	_____	J. B. Perry.

Foreign Missions,	J. G. Carnes.
Prohibition,	W. B. Owen.
Ministerial Consecration, Education and support	D. L. Brown.
Christian Hospitals,	R. F. Campbell.
Woman's Work,	Sid Rainwater.
Publication	M. E. Braswell.
Layman's Movement,	M. U. Rhodes.
Sunday Schools,	Ben Veazey.
Ministerial Relief,	H. G. Hughes.
Orphanage,	C. A. Fletcher.
Digest of Church Letters,	J. H. Oliver.

Ordained Ministers

W. A. Roper	Kosciusko, Miss.
L. A. Roebuck,	Ethel,
J. B. Perry,	Sallis,
W. J. McPhail,	Kosciusko,
J. T. McGee,	Clinton,
J. R. Davis,	Kosciusko,
J. C. Eakin,	McCool,
C. C. Eakin,	"
E. F. Simmons,	"
J. A. Tullos,	Center
J. D. Burns,	Kilmichael,
W. F. Skinner,	"
W. A. Brown,	"
R. L. Palmertree,	Clinton,
W. L. Holland	Vaiden,
T. W. Wilkerson,	Bolatusha,
T. J. Fowler,	McCool,
C. A. Jennings,	"
C. A. Fletcher,	Kosciusko,
E. L. Taylor,	Ethel,

Licentiates.

W. H. Beauchamp	Kosciusko,
W. A. Williams,	"

MEMORIAL PAGE

Berea—C. A. Turner, W. J. Buckner.

Carson's Ridge—F. M. Oliver, Tom Tankersley, J. E.
Burns.

Ethel M. C. Johnson.

Friendship—W. E. Johnson.

Harmony—T. E. Thompson.

Jerusalem—G. A. Dodd.

Kosciusko 1st.—Mrs. T. J. Beach, B. F. Taylor, Miss
Sybil Mayfield.

New Harmony—Sisters Laura Houston and Lean Kelly.

Samaria—Mrs. Celia Sudduth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

SCHOOLS.	Superintendent.	Postoffice.	Secretary.	Postoffice.	Officers & Teachers	No. of Pupils.	No. Church S. S.	No. of Months Open	Baptism from School	S. S. Expenses.	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects.	Total
Berea	W. B. Veazel	McCool	Mrs. A. L. Rawes	McCool	6	54	22	12	7	\$ 11.00	\$ 2.75	\$	\$ 7.75	\$ 21.50
Bethsaida	L. M. Stone	Poplar Creek	Miss Bessie Keeth	French Camp	6	40	35	8	6	3.85		3.25	1.65	8.75
County Line	Fred Roberts	Dossville	Cassie Taylor	Dossville	6	60		12	8	6.40	2.85			9.25
Center	W. M. Peeler	Center	Laura Clifton	Center	5	48	20	12		6.25	11.86			18.12
Carson Ridge	H. Middlebrook	Ethel	Mary E. Proctor	Ethel	8	69	30		4	7.00				7.00
Ethel	C. S. Johnson	Ethel	J. R. Lane	Ethel	4	60		12	7	9.00			3.00	12.00
Ebenezer	R. S. Ray	Center	Lavelle Bailey	Ethel	5	63	24	12	6	3.00			37.00	40.00
Friendship	W. A. Williams	Kosciusko				50								
Kosciusko 1st	D. I. Brown	Kosciusko	J. Q. Ousley	Kosciusko	17	280		12		91.89	107.10	25.30	65.95	290.24
Kosciusko 2d	D. I. Brown	Kosciusko	M. L. Green	Kosciusko	4	40	5	12		7.38	19.29			26.67
Long Creek	P. E. Shuttleworth	Sallis	Nina Bayette	Sallis	7	45	36	12	4	40.64	33.43			74.07
McCool	J. P. Johnson	McCool	W. A. Black	McCool	7	87	23	12	5	29.54	28.50	85.00	16.90	159.04
Macedonia	L. O. Williams	Hesterville	G. C. Sweatt	Hesterville	5	20	12	9	3					
New Hope	W. M. Burns	Kosciusko	Miss P. McCool	Kosciusko	3	63		12		5.00				5.00
New Harmony	J. A. Tullos	Center	Chris Ray	Center	3	30			7					
Providence	F. M. Bailey	Ethel	Irby Reynolds	Ethel	4	75		12		9.00	3.00			12.00
Cand Hill	I. A. Weaver	West	Jessie Wilson	Hesterville	5	30			3					
Stump Bridge	J. S. Jenkins	Sallis	Callie Bishop	Sallis	5	25		12	1	.64				.64
Unity	B. F. Campbell	West	Miss E. Cade	West	11	55		12		4.66	5.13	3.56	10.00	23.35
Yockamokany	J. W. Sanders	Kosciusko	W. W. McMillan	Kosciusko	5	40	35							
					116	1234	219		61	\$235.25	\$213.91	\$117.11	\$141.15	\$709.63

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Pastor's P. O.	CLERKS.	Clerk's P. O.	Rec. by Baptisms	Rec. by Letter	Restoration	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Members
Berea	W. J. McPhail	Kosciusko	E. L. Williams	McCool	10	1		6		12	101
Bowlin	J. B. Perry	Sallis	S. S. Owen	Sallis	1	1					
Bethsaida	J. H. Mitchell	Kilmichael	J. M. Stone	Poplar Creek	11	4	1	3	1		125
County Line	B. F. Odom	Conway	Geo. P. Jenkins	Dossville	24	3					239
Center	L. A. Roebuck	Ethel	H. C. Gregory	Center		1		1			
Carson Ridge	L. A. Roebuck	Ethel	S. A. Middlebrook	Ethel	7	4	1	3		3	151
Doty Springs	E. L. Taylor	Ethel	J. T. Woods	Ethel	2	1	2	3	8	2	104
Ethel	J. B. Perry	Sallis	J. D. Moore	Ethel	9	2		8		1	138
Ebenezer	L. A. Roebuck	Ethel	H. H. Gilliland	Kosciusko	10		1	3			110
Friendship	B. E. Phillips	Clinton	Mrs. F. A. Johnson	Kosciusko		1		3			38
Harmony			P. F. Doty	McCool		1	1	2			63
Hebron	J. D. Burns	Kilmichael	J. Z. Pa metree	Vaiden	12	1		3			180
Hurricane	R. F. Odom	Conway	R. P. McCrory	Sallis	1	3		3			30
Jerusalem	W. J. McPhail	Kosciusko	H. Hollingsworth	Kosciusko	11					1	106
Kosciusko, 1st	W. A. Roper	Kosciusko	E. L. Rav	Kosciusko	1	10		16		3	332
Kosciusko, 2d	W. A. Roper	Kosciusko	W. H. Chappell	Kosciusko	21	20		6		1	75
Long Creek	J. B. Perry	Sallis	R. S. Clark	Sallis	5	6	2			2	131
McCool	W. A. Roper	Kosciusko	J. P. Johnson	McCool	5	3		4		1	180
Macedonia	W. J. McPhail	Kosciusko	M. B. Guess	Hesterville	6	5	1	1		1	96
New Salem	W. J. McPhail	Kosciusko	J. E. Pender	Hesterville	2	1		1	5		73
New Hope	W. J. McPhail	Kosciusko	T. L. Ray	Kosciusko	4	1					122
New Harmony	C. A. Jennings	McCool	R. S. Ray	Center	12	5			2	2	38
Pilgrim's Rest	J. D. Burns	Kilmichael	I. H. Clark	Ethel	2	1		2		1	107
Pleasant Ridge	W. A. Roper	Kosciusko	W. B. Owen	Sallis	1	3				1	109
Pine Bluff	J. D. Burns	Kilmichael	G. M. Garner	Vaiden	7	1	2	3	7		157
Providence	L. A. Roebuck	Ethel	H. C. McCool	Ethel	21	2	1	1	4		122
Spring Dale	J. B. Perry	Sallis	W. D. Wood	West	1			1			101
Stump Ridge	J. B. Perry	Sallis	N. Sudduth	Kosciusko	2					1	110
Sand Hill	M. L. Stroud	Tom Nolen	G. C. Rigby	West	4	3				1	15
Stump Ridge	J. B. Perry	Sallis	J. S. Jenkins	Sallis	1			3			53
Unity	W. L. Allen	Pheba	Lawrence Smith	West				5	2	1	99
Vockanookany	W. A. Roper	Kosciusko	J. W. Sanders	Kosciusko				1	1	2	132
Zilpha	J. E. Eakin	McCool	Z. Sudduth	Hesterville		1	10	5			13
Totals					176	80	23	89	30	26	1513

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Minutes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Hospitals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Incidentals	S. S. Missions	Other Objects	Totals
Berea		\$ 1.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 10.00		\$ 3.50								\$ 4.24			\$ 23.24
Bowlin	\$ 100.00	1.40	3.50														104.90
Kethsada	125.00	1.65		5.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 3.25					\$ 3.85				\$ 7.32	151.07
County Line	100.00	2.00	2.85		5.23							6.40		150.00			266.49
Center	100.00	1.00	10.00	18.25	10.00		21.20		\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00		12.35	\$ 2.90		\$ 11.20	17.00	210.00
Carson Ridge	100.00	1.05	2.20	2.00	2.26						3.13	7.00				1.12	118.76
Doty Springs		2.25	1.20				1.20										4.65
Ethel	180.00	1.00	15.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	21.00									12.00	260.00
Ebenezer	100.00	1.50	10.00	7.00	7.60		34.00									11.00	171.10
Friendship	50.00	.60	3.50	4.00	12.00		8.50	\$ 2.75		8.00	5.00	3.50	10.00	1.50		12.50	121.85
Harmony		1.50															1.50
Hebron		1.00	.10			100.00	2.00		\$ 1.75								104.85
Hurricane		1.00	2.55	2.15	3.93												9.63
Jerusalem		1.50			5.00											24.00	30.50
Kosciusko, 1st	1,067.50	7.00	51.00	200.00	329.50		99.05	60.00	30.00	50.00	81.45	91.89	42.32	328.62	39.50	103.93	2,581.76
Kosciusko, 2d	40.00	1.50	10.64	3.45	5.20	5.00		25.00				7.38	50.00	3.00			151.17
Long Creek	200.00	2.00	20.00	36.68	40.00		30.00		5.00		40.00	40.64		60.00	33.43	152.00	659.75
McCool	200.00	5.00		122.40	177.60		25.00					159.04		40.00		72.00	901.04
Macedonia		1.65	5.00	8.40	8.50	17.50	7.50									12.50	61.05
New Salem		1.00	8.90	4.65	6.00		18.00							1.00		13.20	52.75
New Hope	100.00	1.00		2.15	2.15							5.00				11.75	122.05
New Harmony		1.75	1.25				5.00					2.00					10.00
Pilgrim's Rest		.80															.80
Pleasant Ridge	125.00	2.10	20.00	6.15	5.00	32.00				5.10				2.00		16.00	213.35
Pine Bluff		1.50	.50	.60	.59		.90			1.40							5.40
Providence		1.00	6.25	4.25	5.00		2.00		2.00			9.00			1.00	23.00	53.50
Spring Dale	150.00	2.50	12.95	22.35	23.00	250.00	17.50	5.00	5.25					2.00		20.00	512.55
Samarja	150.00	1.00	7.50	20.00	230.00												408.50
Sand Hill	75.00	.60	2.00														77.60
Stump Ridge	50.00	.50	2.00	4.00	8.00		5.00							9.00			78.50
Unity	150.00	1.50	5.13	9.00	9.40				2.50			4.60	10.00			24.50	216.63
Vockanookany	150.00	2.50	27.60	31.43	47.15		27.00		5.00		10.00	10.00				15.00	325.68
Zilpha		.50															.50
Totals	\$3,412.60	\$53.85	\$236.12	\$538.91	\$958.02	\$416.00	\$328.10	\$92.75	\$59.00	\$63.00	\$140.58	\$362.65	\$115.22	\$601.36	\$ 85.13	\$548.82	\$8,011.11

W. M. U. TABLE

CHURCHES.	Secretary.	Postoffice.
Lowlin	Mrs. Sidney Owen, Sallis	
Berea	Mrs. M. U. Rhodes, French Camp	
Center	Lorens Clifton, Center	
Ethel	Mrs. Noia White, Ethel	
Friendship	Mrs. F. A. Johnson, Kosciusko	
Kosciusko	Mrs. M. L. Hays, Kosciusko	
Long Creek	Mrs. M. V. Allen, Sallis	
McCool	Mrs. Daisy Sims, McCool	
New Hope	Mrs. Minnie Laney, Kosciusko	
Pleasant Ridge	Mrs. C. F. Hughes, Sallis	
Unity	Miss B. Ellord, Kosciusko	
Yockanookany	Miss M. McMillan, Kosciusko	
Carson Ridge	Mrs. A. A. Oliver, Ethel	
Totals		

State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Hospitals	Miss. College	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Training School	Home Missions	Total
\$ 3.50									\$	3.50
4.50	\$10.00									14.50
.75	1.50								\$ 6.64	8.89
2.50	1.00								17.98	21.48
1.50	1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.75			1.50	22.75
1.00	16.85	25.25	55.00		73.75	10.45	\$5.00	\$2.50	103.93	293.28
	5.00	5.00			10.00	5.00			27.00	52.00
	8.00	12.00	3.00	5.00	31.15	1.25	1.25	2.50	6.00	70.15
	2.15	2.15								4.30
5.10	3.25	6.45							17.35	17.35
5.00	7.20	10.80			27.86					50.86
\$23.10	\$45.20	\$74.15	\$63.00	\$10.00	\$147.76	\$19.00	\$6.25	\$5.00	\$181.52	\$574.98

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